

FIRST NEWS



Your **Weekly News** from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

July 30, 2021

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Join us at 10 AM in the Sanctuary
for an In-Person or Online Worship Service
this Sunday, August 1
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Megan H. McMillan

Sermon: "More Than Enough"

Scriptures: [Psalm 78:23-29](#), [John 6:24-35](#), [Exodus 16:2-16](#)

If you feel uncomfortable or are unable to worship with us in person, you can click [HERE](#) to watch the service online.

Lord's Supper

COMMUNION SUNDAY: We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper this Sunday during our worship service.

If you are joining us online, please gather bread, crackers, or rolls and something to drink (juice, wine, milk, water) ahead of time for all in your home who will be participating.

If you are worshipping with us in person, please remember to take your used cups with you and deposit them in the trash cans near the doors as you leave.





Guest Musician This Sunday

Kevin Chavez (Oboe, Oboe d'amore, Bass Oboe, English Horn) is excited to be living in St Pete after having called in New York City home for a decade. Kevin has performed in orchestras in NYC and around the world in wind ensembles, orchestras, choirs, and chamber music ensembles and is always on the lookout for new musical ventures and is excited about the potential that living in St Pete has to offer musically and collaboratively.

Special Recital

This Sunday's guest musician Kevin Chavez will host a special free recital entitled "Four Oboes and a Recital" on **Saturday, August 7, 2021** at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Back by popular demand! - Praise Band Preview

Do you enjoy singing along with the FPC Praise Band, but aren't too familiar with the praise songs yet? Well, we have just the thing for you! Below you'll find links to the songs the Praise Band will be performing this Sunday. We've included the lyrics in the video so you can familiarize yourself with the tunes prior to Sunday's 10am service. Enjoy!

[*He Will Hold Me Fast*](#)
[*God Of Wonders*](#)

*As a reminder, we will begin the organ prelude just before 10 AM,
so please plan to arrive a few minutes early!*



Please remember in prayer: Elizabeth Anderson, Guy Anderson, Ron & Millie Bradley, Bob Burkhardt, Carol Daniel, Pat Eckert, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Sarah Fechter, Teresa Gasper, Ronn Ginn, Elizabeth Hammer, Margo Hart, John & Dorothy Harte, Larry & Diane Heath, Agnes Ingles, Russ Johnson, Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Alisa Keys, Jean Kohler, Margie Laughlin, Dave & Pam Malone, Nancy McLaughlin, Peter Pav, Alan Pfleider, Richard Pfleider, Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Ken Robinson, Henry Shaw, Judy Smith, Jane Snoke, Sandy Williams

Please continue to lift our church up in your prayers during this time of transition.

Please keep in prayer all those who have been physically, emotionally, and financially affected by the coronavirus, and join us in praying for an end to this situation.

Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military: Marc-Antoni Juliá, USN LT; CPT. Taina Specie, USA; 1st LT. Liam Shelton, USA; 1st LT. Mallory Wasik, USMC; CPT. Robert Wilson, USAF. *Please provide us with mailing addresses for our card ministry.*

Thank you for choosing to use your time to give this important gift of prayer to our church family. *The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.* - James 5:16

If you have any additions, deletions, or updates to the weekly prayer concerns, please contact Amy Grossenbacher at amyg@fpc-stpete.org.

Weekly Update from the Presbytery of Tampa Bay Listening and Assessment Team

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

We are grateful for the time that we have spent with you thus far. It is not always easy to talk about troubling experiences and we hope you feel that we have heard you. We have learned a lot about First Presbyterian Church despite our limited time together in each session.

We know this is late notice, but we have just been able to add a few more listening sessions for this afternoon, Friday, 7/30, and Monday afternoon, 8/2. [CLICK HERE](#) to register your interest in communicating via Zoom with the Listening and Assessment Team, then watch for a separate email confirmation from the team with the Zoom meeting information or additional information.

If you are unable to make today or Monday, you may also choose to let us know you would be interested in additional opportunities to be heard in the future. You may also choose to submit written communication. We will accept messages of up to 750 words via email or USPS mail. As in our listening sessions, we ask that you focus on 3 areas:

1. Your main concern
2. How do you think First Presbyterian got to this moment?
3. What would make things better?

Written communication contact info:

Email: fpcsp-ptb@googlegroups.com

This is a temporary group email address created to facilitate communication with the Listening and Assessment Team. Please do not send any emails directly to individual team members.

USPS Mail:

Presbytery of Tampa Bay
ATTN: FPCSP-PTB Listening Team
455 Scotland St, Suite 1
Dunedin, FL 34698

In all of our conversations, we will be guided by the principles in [Seeking to Be Faithful Together: Guidelines for Presbyterians During Times of Disagreement](#).

We ask that all persons review in advance and commit to be bound by the guidelines.

In the spirit of trust and love, we, the members of the Listening and Assessment Team, promise to give you a safe space to be heard. We promise, and encourage you, to speak the truth in love, seeking to maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. The Seeking Together guidelines offer clear suggestions for dealing with differences so they can become occasions for growing in grace and understanding of God's will for us, rather than separation.

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you now and always, and may we all strive to build up the body of Christ,

Stacey Quick, Ruling Elder
Chair of the Listening and Assessment Team

What A Great Movie Night!

On Wednesday, July 21, First Presbyterian Church, St. Pete had their first Movie Night in the beautifully appointed Youth Center. Attendees enjoyed comfortable seating and delicious treats while watching the Disney movie, *Soul*, featuring the music of Oscar-winning pianist, Jon Batist! This animated movie was very entertaining as well as giving an insight about the options and choices we make in life. A good time was enjoyed by all. People are looking forward to the next movie night when they can get together again in the enjoyable informal setting!



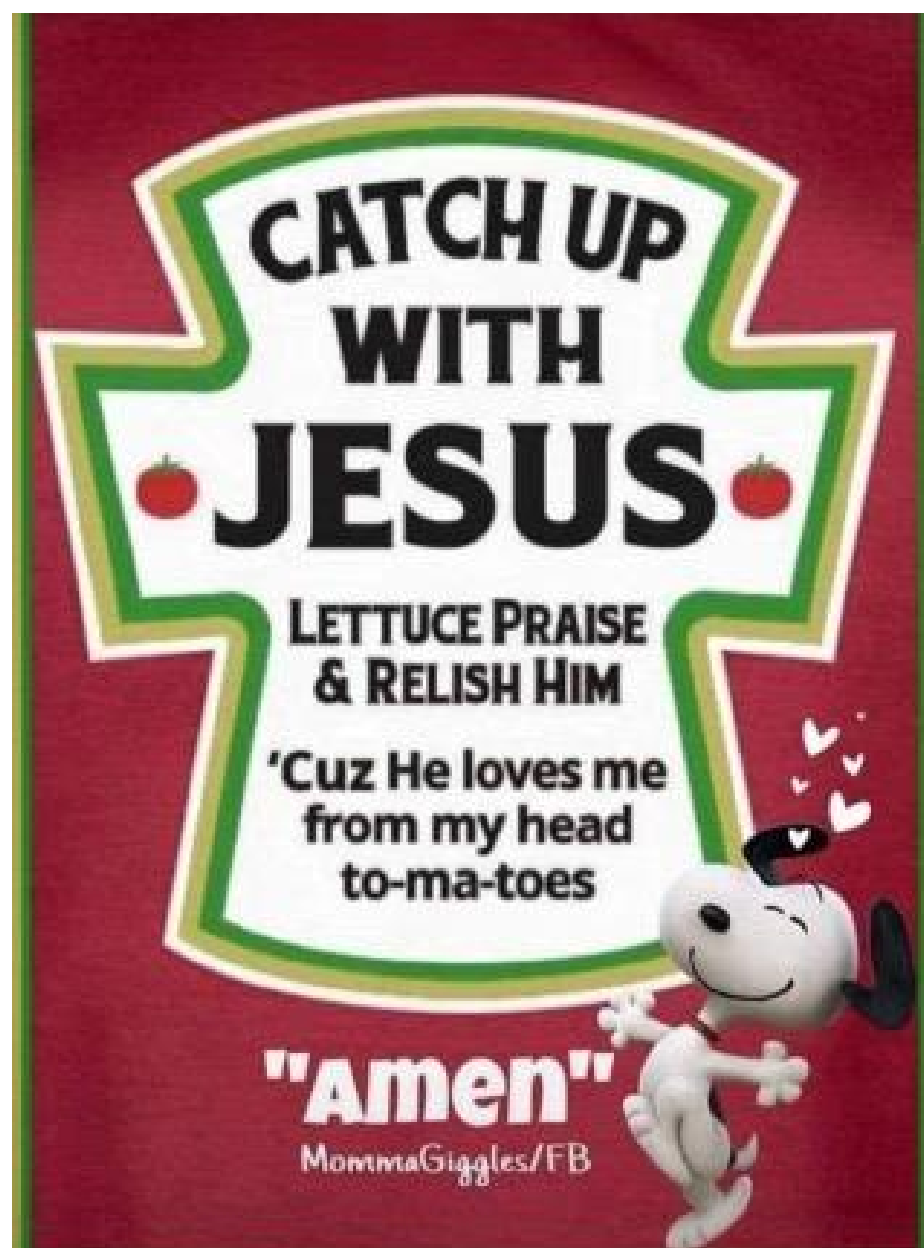
Ladies' Tuesday Morning Bible Study

August 17 - September 28, 2021
9:15 - 11:30 AM

Join Priscilla Shirer on this 7-session journey through the life and times of the prophet Elijah to discover how the fire on Mount Carmel was forged in the valley of famine. And how the emboldened, fiery faith you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now.

Please pre-register with April Hussung (email her by clicking [HERE](#) or by calling 727-420-1758) and let her know if you need a workbook, which will be available for \$20. You can also contact April if you have any questions.

Please note, there is no childcare available at this time. We will be following the church's mask policies.



Children's Ministry

Pastor Megan is in a time of prayer and discernment about the future of our Children's Ministry. We are already looking forward to when we kick-off Children's Messages, Children's Church, and Children's Sunday School once again. In order for all this to happen, we need a team of collaborative volunteers who are passionate about making this a thriving ministry for our church community. If you are willing and able to walk alongside Pastor Megan on this journey to please contact her (727-828-3972 or meganm@fpc-stpete.org) over the summer.

Interested? We will have a planning meeting next Tuesday, August 3 at 4 PM in Room N-218.

All of us at First Presbyterian are working to stay as connected as possible.

The logo features the word "Stay" in a large, blue, cursive font, with the word "CONNECTED" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font below it. The background is a light blue gradient with a subtle pattern.

- If you need anything – a phone call, a prayer, a friendly conversation, or a few errands run – PLEASE call the Church Office at 727-822-2031! Our staff and volunteers are happy to help during this time.
- Help us stay connected by sending us your pictures and prayer requests!



Pastoral Emergency Number

If you have a pastoral emergency, please call (561) 805-1514.

During this season, we are especially thankful for the generosity of all of the people who continue to financially contribute to the church.

The logo features the text "Online Giving" in a white, sans-serif font, positioned to the left of a small green plant growing out of a mound of dark soil. The background is a blue gradient.

For your convenience, there are several ways which you can give:

- (1) Give online using a credit card or bank transfer ([click here](#) for the link). For assistance using the online system, please call the Church Office or
- (2) Send a check through the U.S. mail or
- (3) Drop by the Church Office and slip an envelope through the mail slot in the front door.

Thank you for the many ways you support the work of God's church at FPC – St. Petersburg!

FPC Calendar At A Glance

- [Click HERE](#) to view the full church calendar online. *Groups may not appear on the online church calendar. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to update our online calendar with your meeting.*
- [Click HERE](#) for August Birthdays



Some groups are continuing to meet virtually (online). If you need help navigating the Zoom conference call technology, we will be happy to help you with it so that you can join meetings and/or stay better connected. Please contact the Church Office (727-822-2031) for more information.

- **Sundays, 8:30 AM**, Faith Journey Sunday School Class, meeting in-

person, Room S-202.

- **Sundays, 10 AM**, In-Person Worship Service, Sanctuary or [Online](#).
- *Sundays, 11:15 AM, Westminster & Contemporary Faith Sunday School Classes will not be meeting again until Fall.*
- *Monday morning online devotionals are taking a break for the summer.*
- **Tuesdays, 7 PM**, Christian Meditation, meeting every other week in the Chapel at 7 PM (next in-person meeting is Aug 3). For more information, contact Carlen Maddux (cmaddux@maddux.com).
- *Fridays, 7:30 AM, Men's Bible Study will be taking a break for the summer...will start back up after Labor Day.*
- **Fridays, 12 PM**, Men's Lunch Bible Study; the last Friday of the month is in-person in Room N-123 (next in-person meeting is today, July 30); otherwise, via Zoom. For more information, contact John Underwood (pjfwon@gmail.com)

Deadline For "First News"

Items for "First News" should be submitted as early as possible with a cut-off for any Friday's "First News" being end of day the Tuesday before publication. Please submit copy which is as concise as possible. Send copy to [Amy Grossenbacher](#).

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